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THE SHU-TORUN WAR

It is a time of chaos for the Empire. After the destruction of the Death Star, Darth Vader is showing no mercy to any rebel sympathizers.

In an effort to regain allegiance from the ore-rich planet, Shu-Torun, Vader has assassinated the royal family and cast the throne to its youngest surviving daughter, the new Queen Trios. Despite the deadly warning, rebel acts continue, requiring further reprimand from the Empire.

Elsewhere, Vader's secret ally, Dr. Aphra, has fallen into the hands of rebels. Vader has issued a bounty for her recovery, dead or alive, prepared to bring an end to any who dare test him. Meanwhile, Shu-Torun has banded together to fight back against Vader's attacks. Hope seems slim, until a new ally surfaces: Cylo....

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Shu-Torun.

BLEEP!

YOU'RE
RIGHT, BEETEE.
THIS IS A
LOVELY WAR.

SUCH A
DELIGHTFUL PLANET
WITH CHARMING
PEOPLE...

BLEEP!

OH NO, BEETEE!
THERE ARE PLENTY
OF THINGS I LIKE
ABOUT ORGANICS.

**BLEEP!
BLEEP!**

WELL, THAT
WONDERFUL SMELL
AS THEY BURN TO A
CRISP, FOR ONE.

AND...GIVE ME
TIME. I'M SURE
SOMETHING ELSE
WILL COME TO
MIND.

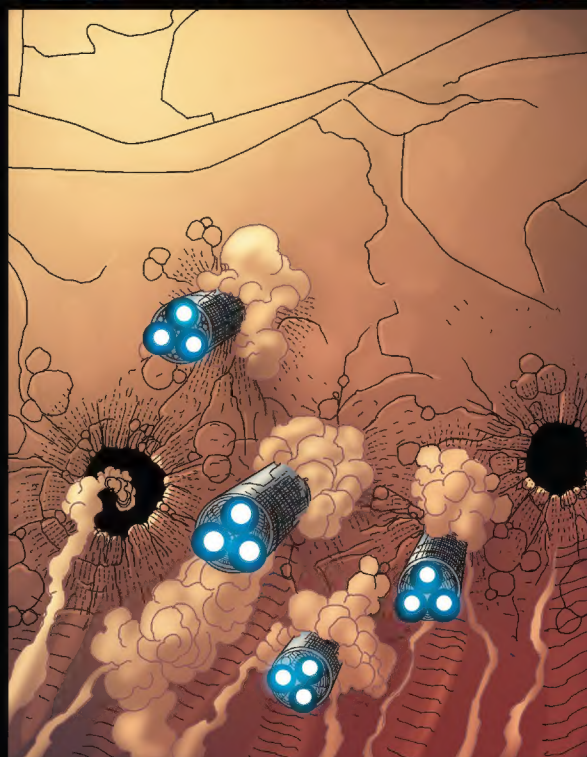
NOW, WHEN IS
THE NEXT ATTACK
AGAINST THE
ORE BARONS?

BLEEP!

OF
COURSE...

"...AS SOON AS
WE GET ABOARD."

The Shu-Torun Loyalist/ Imperial Delving Fleet.



WE MUST
BE CAREFUL ON THE
APPROACH TO BARON
RUBIX'S DELVING-
CITADEL...

THERE ARE
ENTIRE SEAMS
OF DANGEROUS
SHU-TORUN
ORES...



THE QUEEN'S
PALATIAL DRILL
WILL REMAIN IN
THE SECOND
WAVE.

SHE CAN
OBSERVE
THE FINAL
TRIUMPH.



THIS IS
THE LAST
BATTLE.

THERE
WILL BE
MUCH TO
OBSERVE...



THE RUBIX
STRONGHOLD WILL
BE TAKEN BY DIRECT,
OVERWHELMING
FORCE.

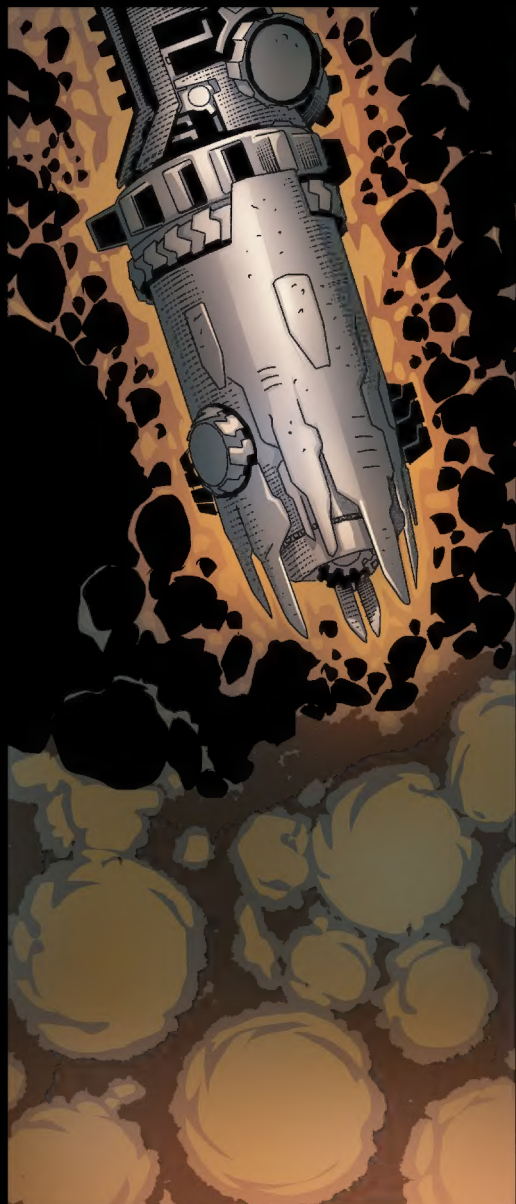
OUR TIMING
MUST BE PERFECT.
FAILURE IS
UNACCEPTABLE.



STRIKE
ONLY ON MY
COMMAND.

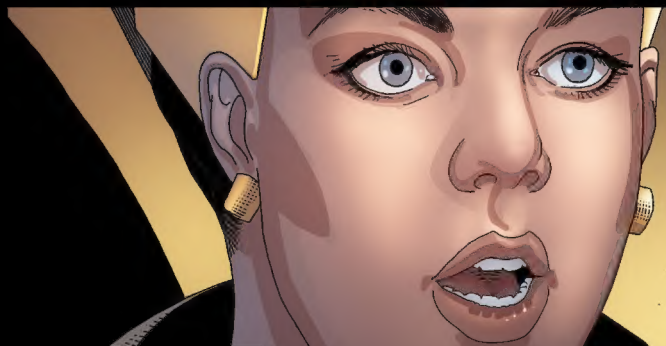


LORD
VADER! THE
CONTROLS HAVE
FAILED.
WE'RE
LISTING OFF
ROUTE.



LORD
VADER! WHAT
HAPPENED?

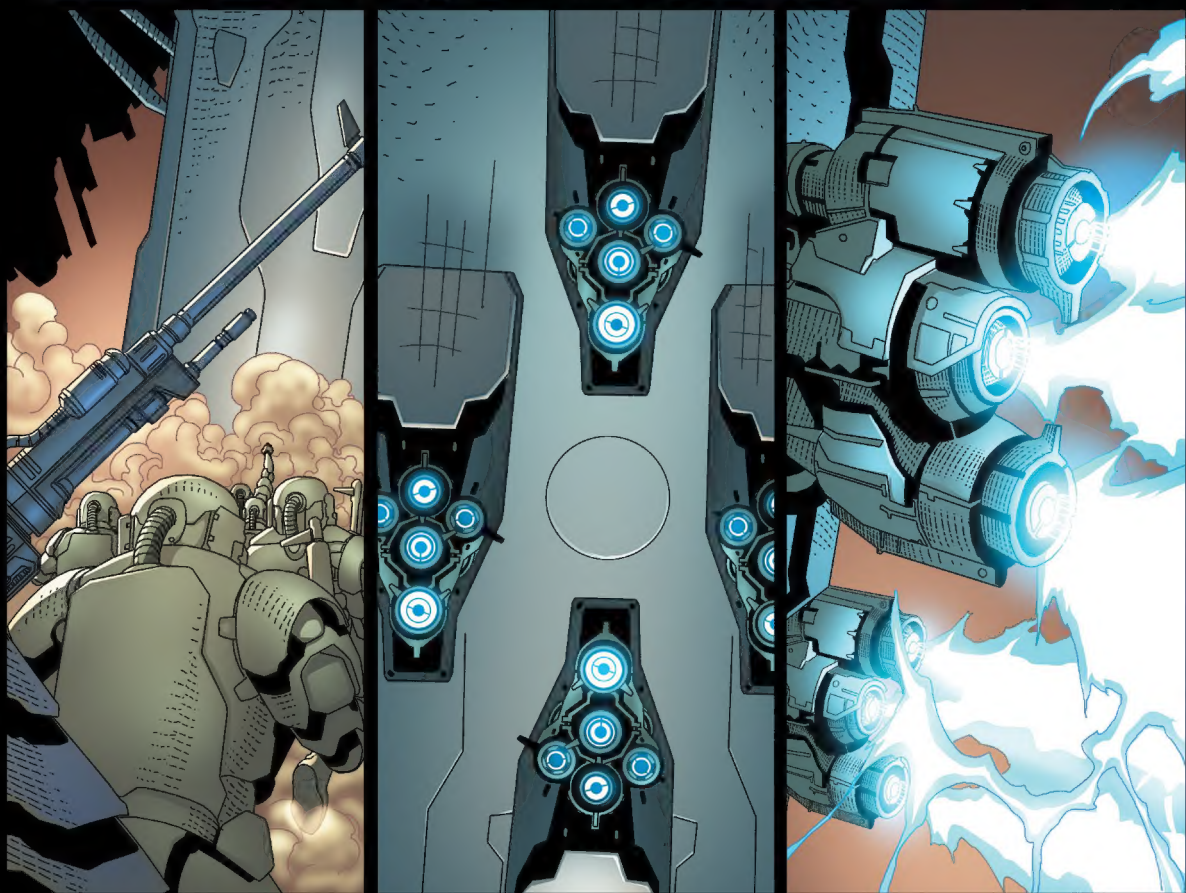
HE
VEERED OFF
COURSE INTO THE
LITHOPOROITE
SEAM, QUEEN
TRIOS.

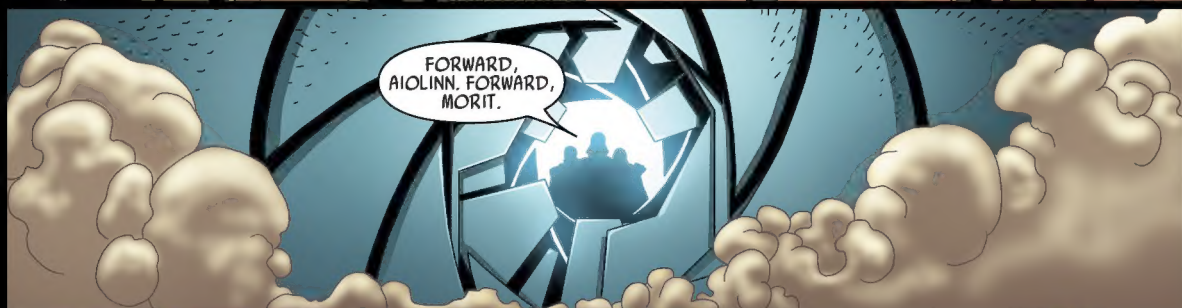


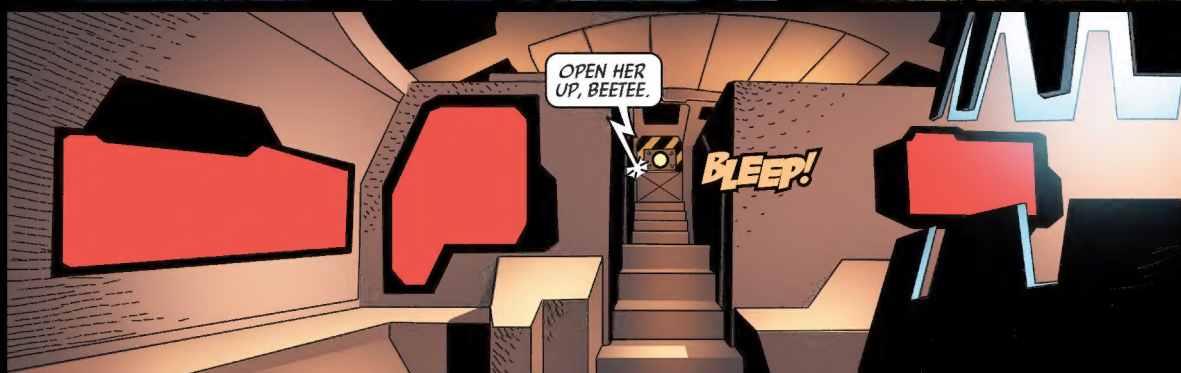
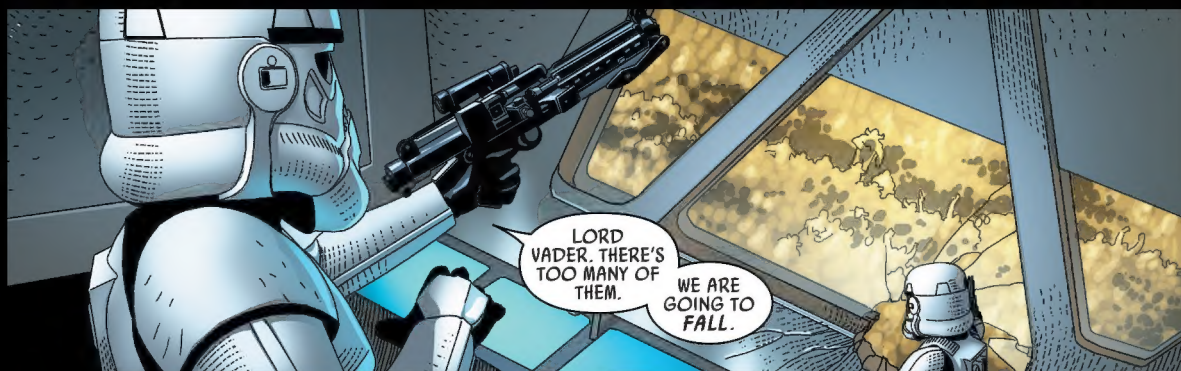
THAT'LL
NEVER SUPPORT A
COMBAT DRILL. HE'LL
HAVE DROPPED ALL
THE WAY INTO THE
LOWER MANTLE.

WE'VE
LOST
HIM.







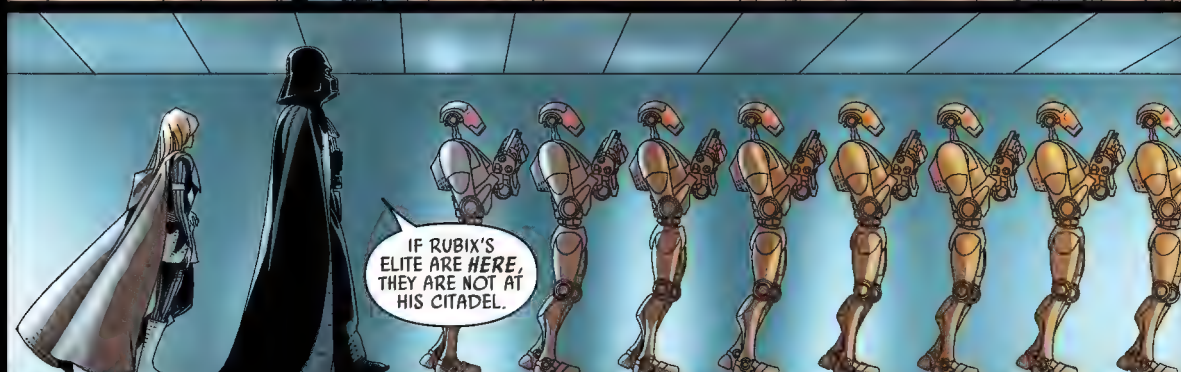
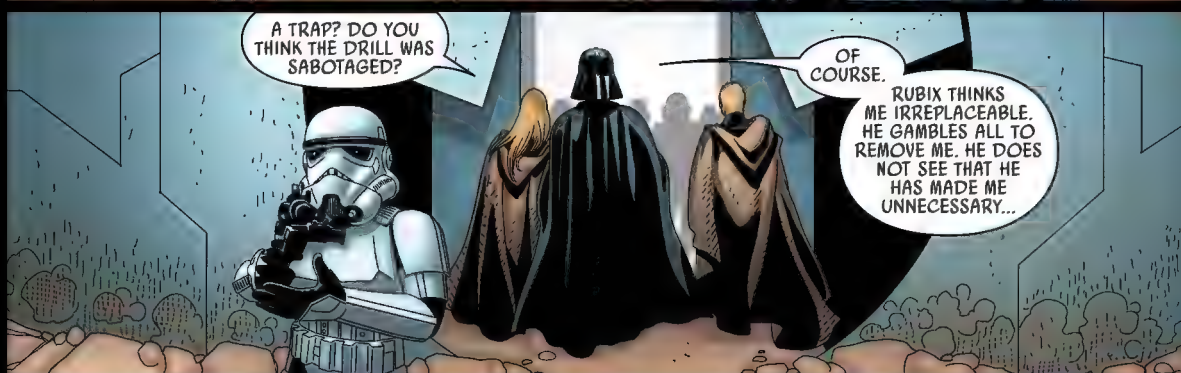
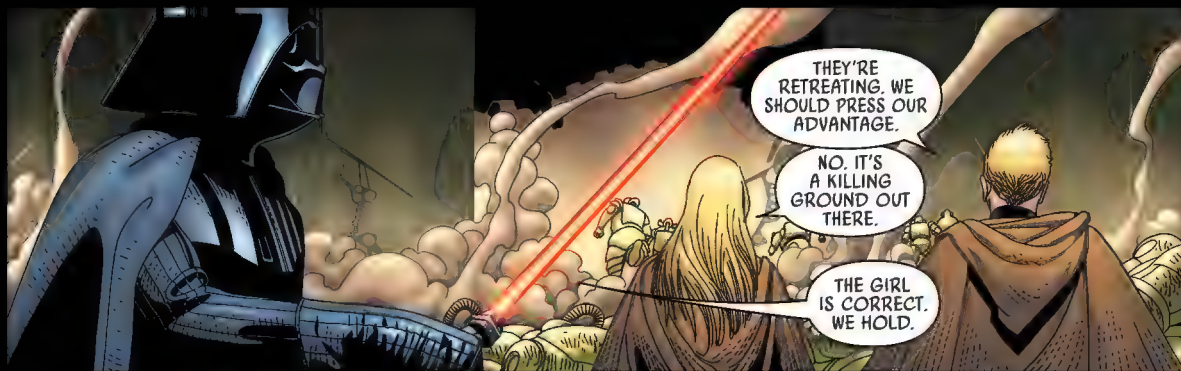


AH, FRIENDS.

GOOD TO SEE YOU. HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?







WE MUST
CALL OFF THE
ATTACK.



WE AWAIT
VADER'S
ORDER.

I AM THE
QUEEN TRIOS OF
SHU-TORUN!

I PROTECT
THE FORGES OF
THE EMPIRE!

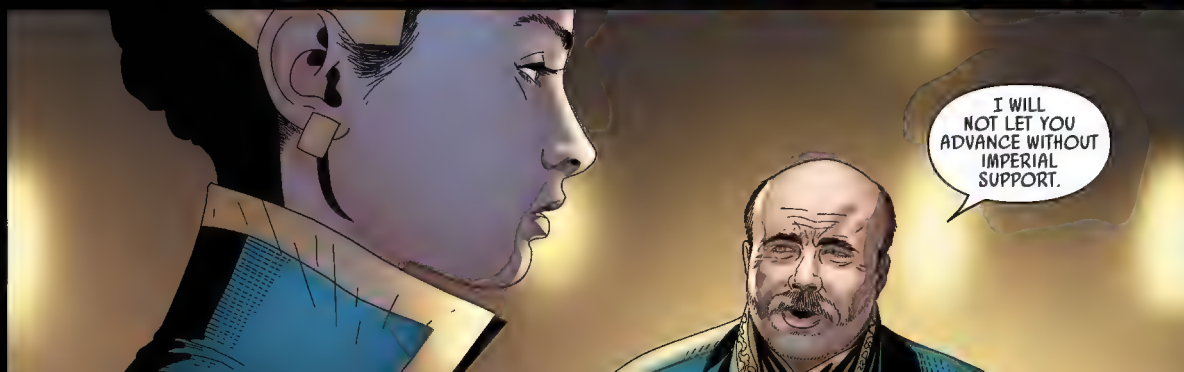
YOU COMMAND
SHU-TORUN. DO NOT
THINK YOU COMMAND
IMPERIAL TROOPS,
YOUR MAJESTY.



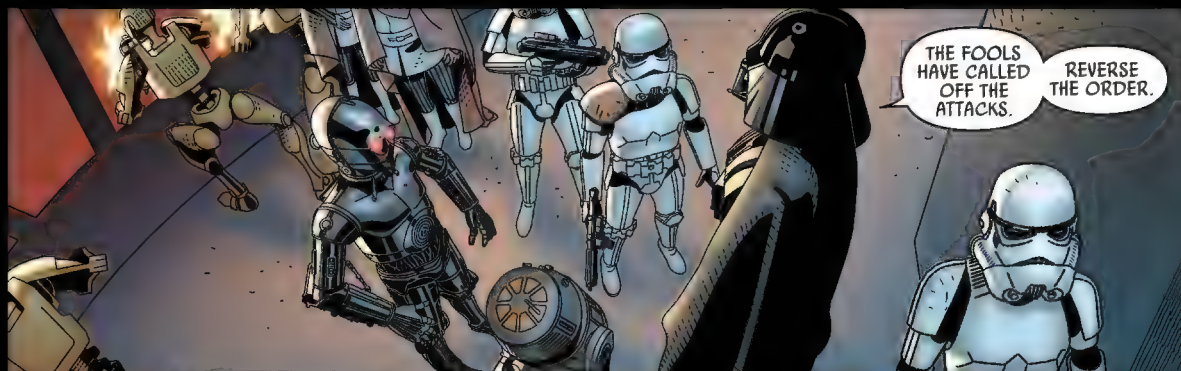
VERY WELL.
CHANCELLOR:
WE FIGHT
ALONE...



YOUR
MAJESTY, AS YOU
RECENTLY ASCENDED TO
THE THRONE AT SUCH A
TENDER AGE, I HAVE THE
TRADITIONAL ADVISORY
VETO ON SUCH
DECISIONS...



I WILL
NOT LET YOU
ADVANCE WITHOUT
IMPERIAL
SUPPORT.



THE FOOLS
HAVE CALLED
OFF THE
ATTACKS.

REVERSE
THE ORDER.



I...I'M SORRY, LORD
VADER. OUR OUTBOUND
COMMS ARE BEING
JAMMED.

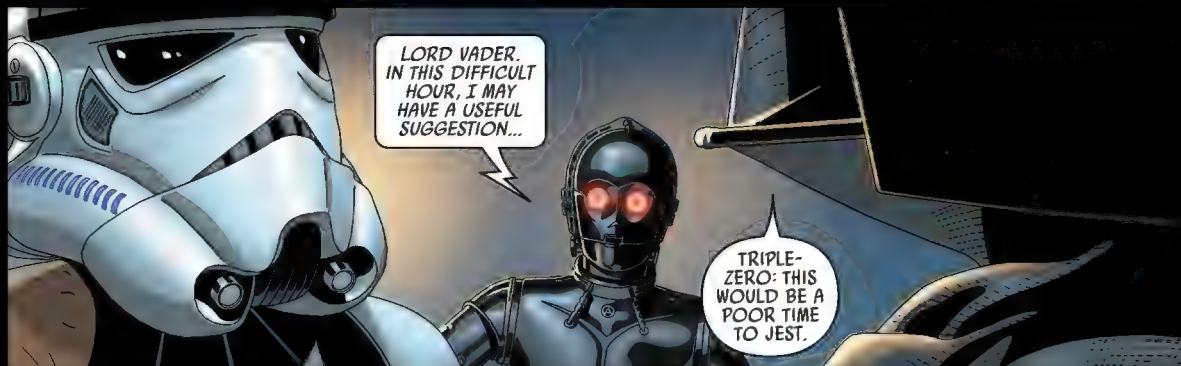
RUBIX'S SOLDIERS'
COMMUNICATIONS WILL
BE OPEN. THERE ARE PASSAGES
BENEATH THE BATTLEGROUND.
I WILL TRAVERSE THEM AND
CONTACT TRIOS.

YOUR
MEN WILL HOLD
HERE.



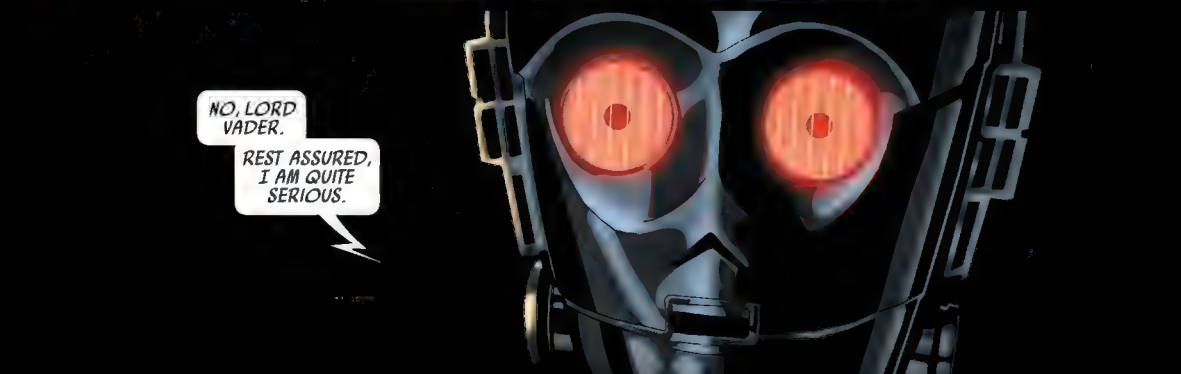
WE CAN'T
HOLD, LORD
VADER.

WE HAVEN'T
THE MANPOWER.
EVEN THE DROIDS
WON'T BE
ENOUGH...



LORD VADER.
IN THIS DIFFICULT
HOUR, I MAY
HAVE A USEFUL
SUGGESTION...

TRIPLE-
ZERO: THIS
WOULD BE A
POOR TIME
TO JEST.



NO, LORD
VADER.

REST ASSURED,
I AM QUITE
SERIOUS.



THEN
SPEAK.

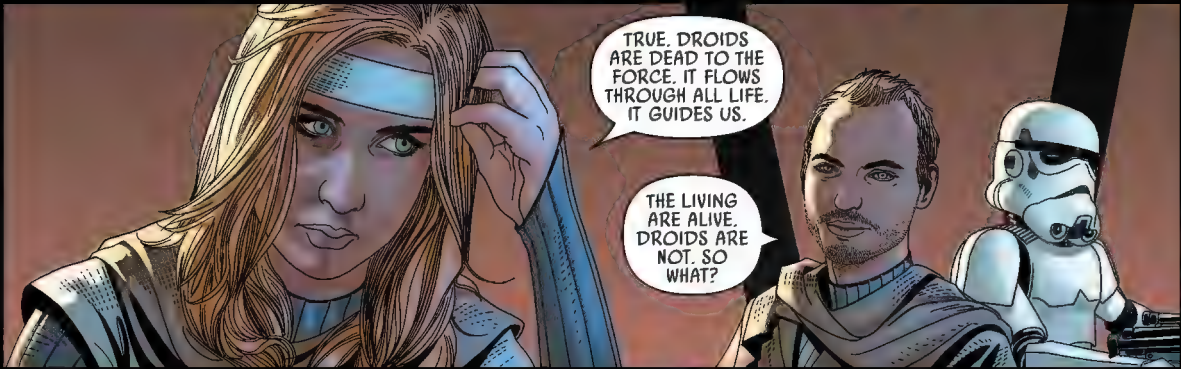
CONSIDER THE HUMBLE
DROID, LORD VADER,
AND ITS MANY ADMIRABLE
ATTRIBUTES...

WE ARE LESS FRAGILE
THAN ORGANICS. WE ARE
QUICKER. WE ARE MASS
PRODUCED WITH EASE.

SO...WHY
DO DROIDS
NOT RULE?

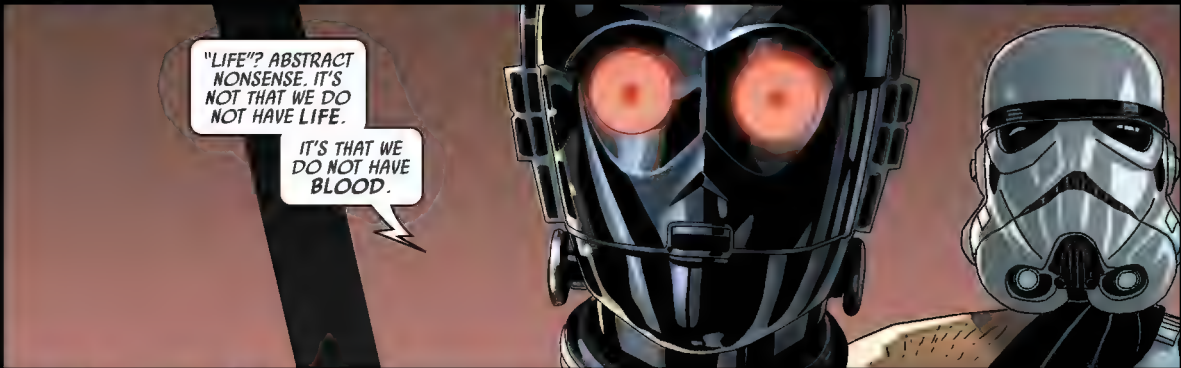


THE PROBLEM:
THE FORCE IS...
INDIFFERENT
TO US.



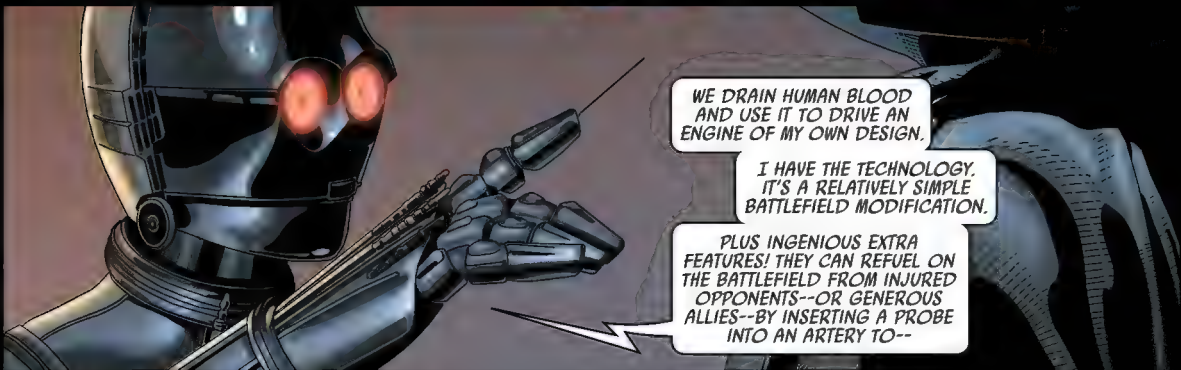
TRUE. DROIDS
ARE DEAD TO THE
FORCE. IT FLOWS
THROUGH ALL LIFE.
IT GUIDES US.

THE LIVING
ARE ALIVE.
DROIDS ARE
NOT. SO
WHAT?



"LIFE"? ABSTRACT
NONSENSE. IT'S
NOT THAT WE DO
NOT HAVE LIFE.

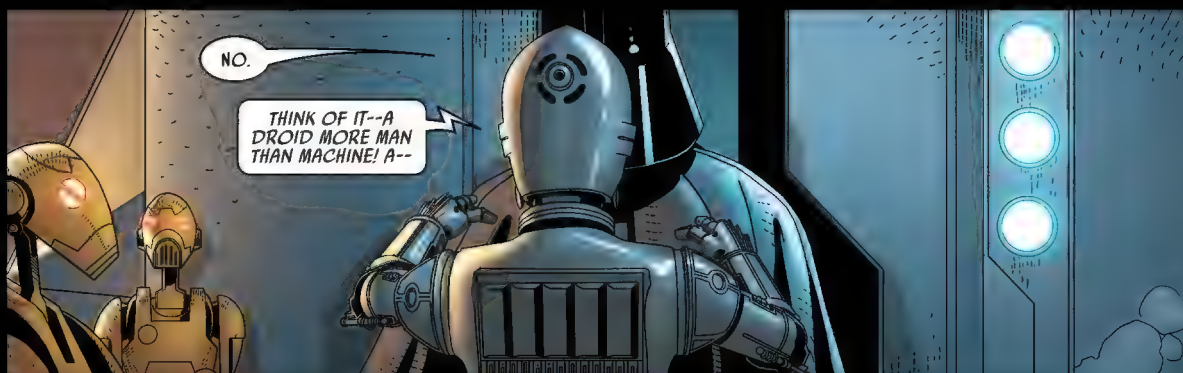
IT'S THAT WE
DO NOT HAVE
BLOOD.

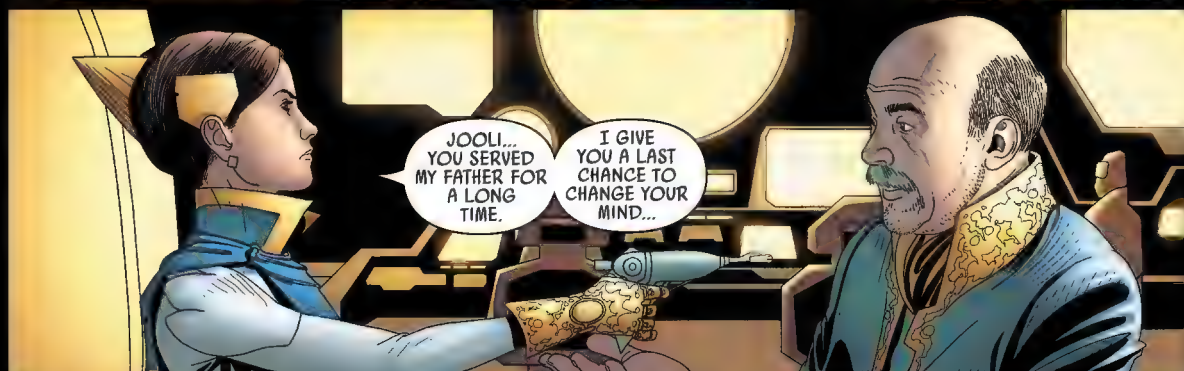


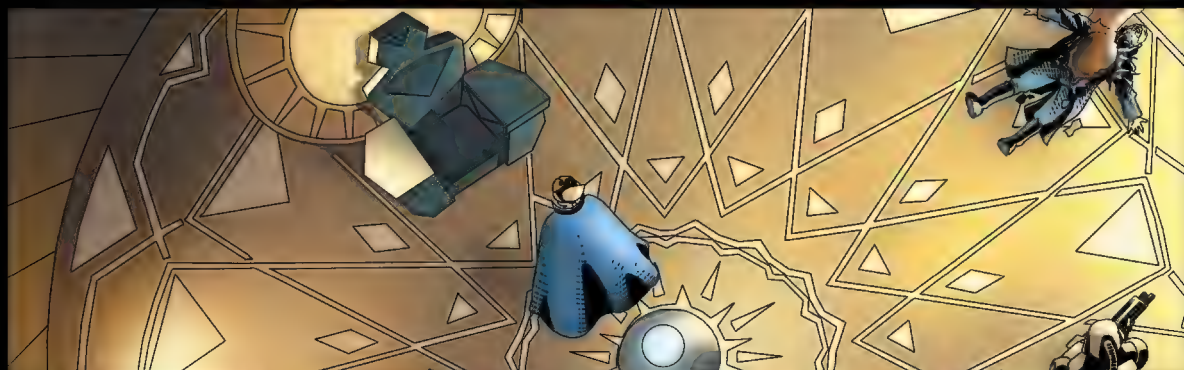
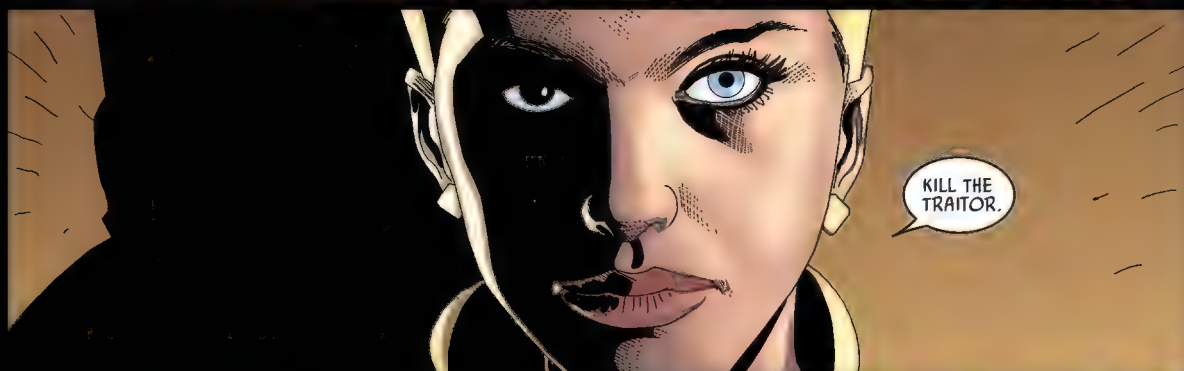
WE DRAIN HUMAN BLOOD
AND USE IT TO DRIVE AN
ENGINE OF MY OWN DESIGN.

I HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY.
IT'S A RELATIVELY SIMPLE
BATTLEFIELD MODIFICATION.

PLUS INGENUOUS EXTRA
FEATURES! THEY CAN REFUEL
ON THE BATTLEFIELD FROM INJURED
OPPONENTS--OR GENEROUS
ALLIES--BY INSERTING A PROBE
INTO AN ARTERY TO--











I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU
TRUSTED
US.

IF I
TRUSTED YOU,
I'D HAVE LEFT
YOU AT THE
SIEGE.

INSTEAD,
I TESTED YOUR
CHARACTER.



YOU
FAILED.

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